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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY FORMAL CIRCULAR NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMING IT THAT, INSTEAD OF PERMANENT POLICE GUARDS OUTSIDE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO BUDAPEST, IN FUTURE THERE WILL BE CIRCULATING POLICE CAR PATROLS. NO MENTION IS MADE OF WHEN NEW SYSTEM WILL COMMENCE. NOTE DECLARES THAT IF FOREIGN MISSIONS "DEEM APPROPRIATE TEMPORARY EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY MEASURES" MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WILL TAKE STEPS TO INCREASE GUARDS OF THOSE FOREIGN MISSIONS REQUESTING SUCH ASSISTANCE THROUGH MFA. NOTE SAYS THAT IN EMERGENCY CASES DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS MAY CALL TWO NUMBERS AT DIPLOMATIC SERVICE DIRECTORATE (DSD) OR PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT DURING WORKING HOURS, AND AFTER WORKING HOURS MFA DUTY OFFICER.

2. WE HAVE NOTICED DURING COURSE OF PAST TEN DAYS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN LAPSES IN NORMAL POLICE COVERAGE OF EMBASSY AND HAVE SPECULATED THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE IN OFFING. NOTE, DATED DECEMBER 9, PROVIDES NO EXPLANATION FOR CHANGE IN ARRANGEMENTS. IT IS OUR GUESS, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT IS IS RELATED TO CSCE AND TO GOH'S EFFORTS TO GIVE

BEST IMPRESSION POSSIBLE THAT IT IS ADHERING TO BASKET
THREE PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI FINAL DOCUMENT. ASIDE FROM
WESTERN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE SOME OTHER MISSIONS AND
RESIDENCES HAVE ROUND-THE-CLOCK POLICE "PROTECTION".
ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNICATION CAME TO US IS IN FORM OF CIRCULAR
NOTE WE ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER IT WAS DELIVERED ALSO
TO OTHERS, SUCH AS NORTH VIETNAMESE, NORTH KOREANS,
CHINESE, ALBANIANS, AND MEMBERS OF WARSAW PACT. WE
SHALL TAKE STEPS TO DETERMINE THIS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL OF OBVIOUS POLICE
SURVEILLANCE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BUDAPEST MAY
REFLECT DECISION REACHED AT RECENT MEETING OF WP
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (PCC) EARLIER THIS MONTH IN
BUCHAREST AND POSSIBLY INDICATES THAT SIMILAR ACTION CAN
BE EXPECTED IN OTHER WP COUNTRIES.

4. WITHDRAWAL OF INTIMIDATING INFLUENCE OF POLICE
GUARDS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY, AT LEAST COSMETICALLY,
REPRESENTS A DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT AS FAR AS WE ARE
CONCERNED. WE MUST, HOWEVER, IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND
WEEKS ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHAT LESS OSTENSIBEL
PRECAUTIONS GOH SECURITY ELEMENTS HAVE TAKEN TO KEEP
TABS ON U.S. DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND ON HUNGARIANS
WHO WISH TO VISIT EMBASSY. WE WILL BE WATCHING MOST
CAREFULLY IN DAYS TO COME WHAT IMPLICATIONS THIS NEW
CHANGE IN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS HAS FOR U.S.-HUNGARIAN
RELATIONS. IT COULD HAVE, FOR INSTANCE, SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT ON LIBRARY ATTENDANCE AND ON INCREASE OF NUMBER
OF INTERESTING WALK-INS.

5. COPY OF ORIGINAL NOTE PLUS ENGLISH TRANSLATION
BOLLOWS BY POUCH.
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